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OF

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PADS FOR FRACTURED LIMBS.

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PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION left by Christopher Samuel Jeaffreson at the Office of the Commissioners of Patents, with his Petition, on the 23rd October 1867.

I, CHRISTOPHER SAMUEL JEAFFRESON, of the Royal Free Hospital, London,
5 in the County of Middlesex, Surgeon, do hereby declare the nature of the said Invention for “**IMPROVED APPARATUS FOR TREATING FRACTURES OF THE LIMBS,**” to be as follows :—

In treating a fracture of the leg (for example) it is usual to lay the limb upon a long narrow pad or cushion formed of lint or filled with cotton, tow, or
10 other similar fibrous substance and supported on a metallic frame, placing then upon each side a flat wooden splint, with the interposition of similar pads at the sides of the limb, and then bind the whole together by straps passing round the same. These pads, owing to their unequal pressure, often cause great pain to the patient, and even occasion sores upon the prominent parts of
15 the limb, they also become very foul from discharges and fomentations, and are hence frequently not only objectionable but injurious to the patient.

My improvement consists principally in substituting for these pads bags or pads of india-rubber, waterproof cloth, or other suitable impermeable material. These bags are provided with tubes and nozzles, by means of which they are
20 inflated with air or filled with water as may be thought most desirable ; they will then fit exactly to the limb ; and will give an equal pressure at all

Jeaffreson's Improved Pads for Fractured Limbs.

parts. If the limb should swell, and the bandage thus become too tight, a sufficient quantity of air or water can be withdrawn to afford relief without disturbing the bandages in the slightest degree, and on the other hand should the limb shrink an increased quantity of air or water may be forced in. The surgeon also can conveniently inspect the limb if desirable by simply with- 5 drawing a certain amount of air or water and displacing the pad slightly with the hand without undoing the straps, and can restore the pad to its original form and position by restoring an equivalent amount of air or water.

In place of the flat wooden splints usually employed I use splints hollowed longitudinally inside to fit the form of the limb.

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